

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 16 as follows:

Thereafter, ~~a tubular balloon catheter are~~ **a tubular balloon catheter is** introduced along the guide wire to reach the stricture blood vessel area when manipulating the guide wire grip exposed outside the blood vessel.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 25 as follows:

The helical spring 6 has a diameter (D1) which is slightly greater than that of the core member 4, and has line elements tightly arranged along the core member 4 ~~with no clearance~~ **with no clearance between** the line elements.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 25 as follows:

The former line elements 15 and the latter line elements 16 are alternately arranged tightly ~~with no clearance provided between~~ **with no clearance between** their neighboring line elements. A rear half section of the leading bulge portion 5 defines the front catheter engagement portion 8.